

REMARKS

Claims 32-54 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 55-72 have been added. Support for the new claims is found in the cancelled claims and throughout the specification.

Applicant respectfully submits that the catalysts defined by the newly presented claims are novel. Therefore, the newly presented claims drawn to the catalysts are allowable. Moreover, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 55-72 all relate to a single generic catalyst structure.

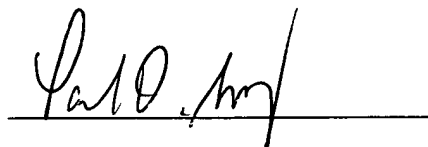
A request for one month extension of time in the prior application entitled "Chiral Phosphines, Transition Metal Complexes Thereof and Uses Thereof in Asymmetric Reactions," Serial No. 10/410,711, Filed April 10, 2003 (Docket No. 823.0074USV) is made under separate cover on this date to extend the date for response in the prior application Serial No. 10/410,711 to February 10, 2004.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully request examination of the present application and allowance of the pending claims. An early issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 55-72 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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